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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR, SY, JO

SUBJ: RUMOR OF IMPENDING SYRIAN-JORDANIAN

CONFEDERATION

REF: STATE 37838

1. SYRIAN PRIMIN AYYUBI IS QUOTED IN AHRAH  
FEB 18 AS HAVING ANNOUNCED SARG AND GOJ ARE IN  
PROCESS OF TAKING STEP TOWARD UNITY. NO FURTHER  
DETAILS ARE PROVIDED.

2. SUBJECT OF IMPENDING SYRIAN-JORDANIAN  
CONFEDERATION IS EVOKING SOME INTEREST IN DIPLOMATIC  
AND PRESS CIRCLES HERE. IN TALK WITH  
PROMINENT EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST, HE CHARGED SYRIANS  
DESIRE REVIVE OLD QUOTE GREATER SYRIA UNQUOTE  
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SCHEME. IRAQI HOSTILITY BLOCKS THEM FROM  
PURSUING QUOTE FERTILE CRESCENT UNQUOTE IDEA.

REMINDED THAT QUOTE GREATER SYRIA UNQUOTE SCHEME  
WAS LARGELY AN IDEA OF THE LATE KING ABDULLAH,  
JOURNALIST SHRUGGED THIS OFF BY ALLEGING HUSSEIN  
HAS NOW BECOME A SYRIAN PAWN. CLAIMING USG  
IS NOW TRYING MAKE A QUOTE HERO UNQUOTE OUT OF  
ASAD, SOURCE EXPRESSED FERVENT HOPE USG IS NOT  
PUSHING IDEA.  
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